

OFFICE OF GOVERNOR
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GOVERNOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
2007-2008

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2007 AT 3PM

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES
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What is the Governor's Youth Commission?

PURPOSE

The Governor's Youth Commission (GYC) advises the Governor and the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families on issues affecting youth in Arizona.

MISSION

The mission of the Governor's Youth Commission is to promote healthier communities through youth volunteerism and service learning, increased awareness of community issues, and civic participation.

MEMBERS & SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Governor's Youth Commission is a diverse and representative body of Arizona's high school population and is composed of 40 members from throughout the state. Each year, the members work together on a special project that impacts youth across Arizona. For example in 2005-2006, the GYC members planned and executed two Governor's Underage Drinking Summits, which are mobilizing 200 youth to plan and complete volunteer projects in their communities.

What are some of the things GYC did this past year?

This past year, Governor's Youth Commissioners have:

- ✓ Hosted Youth Leadership Day at the Capitol where over 250 members of 26 different municipal youth councils across the state of Arizona learned about leadership and the policy process.
- ✓ Conducted 6 focus groups on parent attitudes on alcohol and youth.
- ✓ Collected critical data on underage drinking, which will be used for message development of a statewide media campaign.
- ✓ Sent representatives to attend the 7th Annual National Leadership Conference.
- ✓ Planned two Governor's Underage Drinking Summits that impacted middle and high school students in Arizona.
- ✓ Presented a workshop on the strategy of the Governor's Underage Drinking Summits at the 18th Annual National Service Learning Conference.

Eligibility

The Governor's Youth Commission is currently accepting applications from high school students who will be sophomores or juniors during the 2007-2008 school year. Please note the GYC is seeking applicants that represent the diverse and unique nature of Arizona's counties.

Commissioner Requirements

Being a commissioner requires a high degree of commitment. Before applying, please make sure that you have the time to dedicate to the organization.

Commissioners are expected to:

- ✓ Attend four meetings a year (usually scheduled in July, October, January, and April).
- ✓ Contribute to the planning and execution of the GYC's special events and activities.
- ✓ Actively participate in committees and in conference calls.
- ✓ Communicate via email, phone or the GYC's web site (members are expected to check email on a weekly basis).
- ✓ Provide their own transportation to and from meetings (carpools are provided by Governor's staff from the State Capitol to the meeting location).
- ✓ Serve as a role model and adhere to a high code of conduct.
- ✓ Serve as a liaison to other youth.

In addition to the above requirements, each Commissioner must also have an adult mentor or advisor who he/she can turn to for help and support when completing projects. Mentors or advisors can include a teacher, counselor, youth group leader, or parent. During the coming year, there may be an opportunity for the Commissioner and mentor to attend an event together.

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Application Process

The GYC recruitment process consists of an application and interview. All youth who are eligible to apply should follow the application instructions below. Finalists will be invited to interview on June 1st and 3rd and will be notified by June 30th if they have been selected to become a member of the GYC.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

A complete application consists of:

- Membership Application: Personal Information (Page 4 of this application).
- Completed Questionnaire (See page 5 of this application).
- Resume detailing your current and past community and school involvement (please limit to one page).
- Two (2) letters of recommendation. One letter **MUST** be from a teacher, faculty member or youth group leader. The second letter **MUST** be from your mentor.

Applications should not be in a binder, report cover or folder. Please use a single staple or binder clip to hold your application together.

Complete applications can be mailed, faxed or delivered in person to:

Huma Haroon
Youth Development Program Administrator
Governor's Office for Children, Youth, and Families
State Capitol, Executive Tower
1700 W. Washington Street, Suite 101
Phoenix, AZ 85007
Fax: 602-542-3423 (*please call to confirm we have received your complete application*)

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If you have any questions regarding the Governor's Youth Commission or the application process, please contact Huma Haroon at 602-542-3422, or by email at hharoon@az.gov.



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Membership Application: Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____ Birthday: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name(s): _____

What grade will you be in during the 2007-2008 school year?: _____

School's Name: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Principal's Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

School Phone Number: _____

Adult Advisor/Mentor Information

Name: _____

Position: _____

How is this person related/associated with you? _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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Questionnaire

Part I

The Governor's Youth Commission's (GYC) first meeting and orientation will be held on July 25-28, 2007 in Flagstaff, AZ in conjunction with the Governor's 13th Annual National and Community Service Conference. Attendance is mandatory. If you cannot attend, please attach a brief letter stating the reason(s) why. (Note: school excuses, mileage reimbursement, hotel rooms, meals, and carpools from the State Capitol are provided for all meetings as needed.)

Part II

On a separate sheet of paper, please respond to the following questions. Limit each response to no more than 200 words. Your answers should be typed, double-spaced and at a 12- point font. Please DO NOT include any additional information (newspaper articles, photographs, etc.).

1. Why do you want to become a member of the GYC?
2. How can you contribute to the GYC and its activities? What leadership experiences have you had that will help you contribute?
3. How will your mentor be able to support you as a Commissioner?

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